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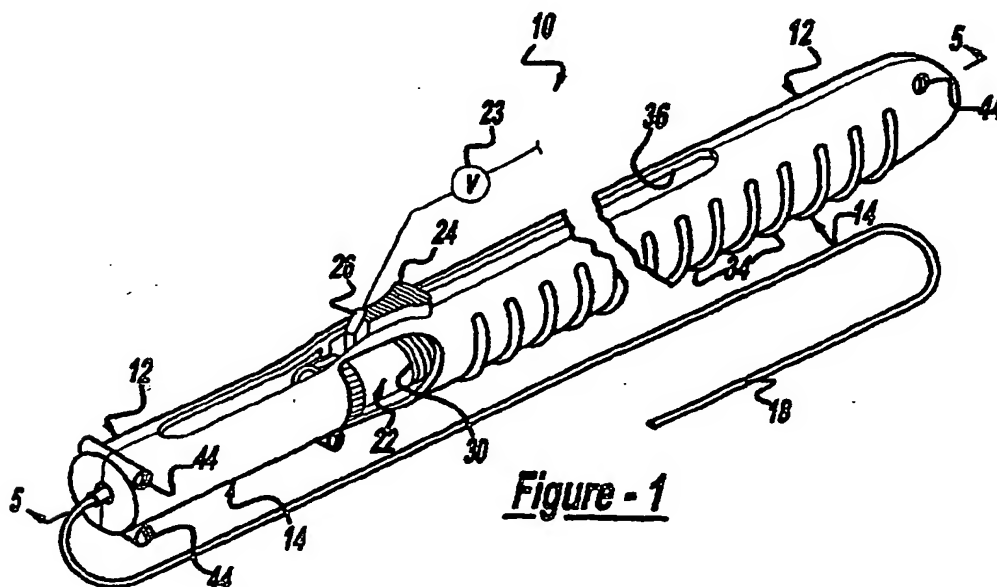
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**(54) Handle deployment mechanism for medical device & method**

(57) A system for delivering at least one medical device to a desired location for treatment, and then selectively deploy it in position, includes an improved handle. One of the possible features of the handle may be to selectively hold the delivery system components at any

desired configuration during deployment and positioning of the medical device. Another possible feature of the handle may be more than one mode of operation, in which the deployment of the medical device can selectively proceed at more than one speed.



**Figure - 1**

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